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Responsive to the requirement for an election of species for searching purposes, dated August 22, 2006, Applicants hereby elect detection of absolute electrical property of electrical conductivity, as recited in claim 44, as the species. Applicants agree with the examiner that claims 37-43, and 46 are generic. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

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